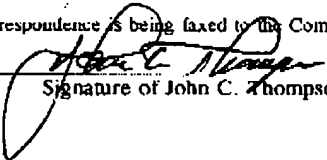


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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the office action of Sep. 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on the following page entitled Amendments to the claims and are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on that page.

Remarks/Arguments begin on the following page entitled Remarks/Arguments.